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Peggy/Mr. Wattles:

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is calling me again  
on a paper Mr. Wattles was to be working  
on concerning per diem for wives of students  
attending senior schools.

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Miriam

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, DDS

SUBJECT : Origin of Actual Expense Approval  
for Wives Week at the Harvard AMP

1. I am unable to say for a certainty how we came to pay actual subsistence expenses (up to the maximum specified in the Regulations) in lieu of per diem for AMP students during wives week but to the best of my recollection it may have come about approximately as follows.

2. I recall a meeting about June 1965 - probably not the DDS noon meeting - and I believe the meeting was on a subject having nothing to do with per diem. Whatever the subject, I believe most of the DDS Staff were present but I am not sure whether or not either the DDS or the A-DDS was there. I recall being surprised when someone at the meeting - perhaps [ ] - raised the subject of per diem or actual expense during AMP wives week and to the best of my recollection it was then decided that actual expense up to \$30.00, rather than per diem of \$16.00, was justified and should be paid. I believe the going rate for the class of hotel rooms then being selected was about \$20.00 to \$25.00.

3. I cannot recall whether or not special approval for paying actual expense was obtained but I believe it was the consensus that anyone having the normal delegation to approve such expenses could do so. I do recall conversation and some exchange of correspondence with officials of OTR. If there was a special approval I imagine it would have been by Mr. Bannerman because, as I recall, this was near the time Col. White left to become

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Executive Director-Comptroller. If there is no record in the Archives and no note in Mr. Bannerman's Diary then I doubt that a special approval exists.

4. I have no files to help refresh my memory - other than those that might be in Archives - but I will continue to try to recall more facts on this subject and will keep you advised.



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*Schools with wives week and #*

*Agency personnel attending annually.*

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<i>MIT</i>	<i>- 1</i>	<i>(may not use again)</i>
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